

THE lodges of California must be in a flourishing condition. The Grand Secretary reports "there is not a lodge in the jurisdiction which owes a dollar to the Grand Lodge."

THE following resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Washington:—"Resolved, That it shall be a Masonic offence for a member of a Masonic lodge in this jurisdiction, to enter a place where intoxicating liquor is sold, and drink the same, under penalty of expulsion."

The committee reported as follows:—"The resolution is one that deserves proper consideration by every good Mason, whether he can reconcile the morality of encouraging liquor saloons with the acknowledged impropriety of such saloons. But Freemasonry is not a temperance society, any more than a church society, and in the opinion of your committee, it would be improper to legislate thereon; and we therefore recommend that the resolution be laid on the table." The report was adopted.

THE Grand Lodge of Indiana, which resorted to biennial sessions a few years ago, as a means of paying off an oppressive debt, has now attained the desired result. The end came on the 24th of March, when the Grand Treasurer drew his check for \$4,000, to take up the last remaining bond for that amount for the Masonic Temple. The craft in Indiana now own their Temple free of encumbrance, and the brethren throughout the country will rejoice with them in their deliverance. The Grand Lodge will now return to annual meetings, and probably make a reduction in the annual tax. The fraternity in Indiana will undoubtedly profit by the limitations of the past, and all the more appreciate the worth of that institution for whose welfare they have made some sacrifices.

THE Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Michigan is an elegantly printed volume. Over six pages are devoted to the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, principally quotations from M. E. Sir Knight Moore's address.

THE Grand Lodge of Maine evidently does not believe in dancing. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved,—That while the Grand Lodge does not desire to interfere with the rights of the fraternity as individuals to attend or promote balls and dancing—the lodges are forbidden to connect with the lodges, or use the name of the lodges in reference to Masonic balls, so-called, or to advertise them or sell tickets for admission thereto."

THE Committee on Jurisprudence, of the Grand Lodge of Texas, reported as follows on a proposition to amend the Constitution, and "make it express that physical qualifications of candidates shall be left to the subordinate lodges to judge and determine upon:—

"The settled policy of the Grand Lodge has always been to leave the subject of physical qualifications of candidates where the founders of Masonry placed it. At various times efforts have been made to modify or qualify the ancient regulations on this subject. The Grand Lodge has always set its face against such attempts, and has required the lodges to adhere strictly to the letter and the spirit of the ancient charges. Your committee can see no necessity for any additional legislation on the subject. The lodges now have the same right to determine whether a candidate is maimed or crippled, as they have to judge whether or not he is a minor, a madman, or a fool. Your committee see no necessity for either increasing or abridging their authority in this respect. They therefore recommend the rejection of the proposed amendment."